

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House of Representatives on Wednesday—the 49th anniversary of the authorization of the Peace Corps—passed a bill authored by Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) that would authorize the Peace Corps Commemorative Foundation to establish a commemorative work on federal land in Washington to commemorate the formation of the Peace Corps and honor the ideals upon which it was founded.

"The Peace Corps has been a force of good in our country for 50 years, and it's time we recognize the priceless contributions that volunteers have made for our diplomatic efforts around the world," Rep. Farr said following the bill's passage. "I'll continue my work to support the Peace Corps, especially through increasing its funding to fully realize the dream that was born 49 years ago today."

The bill specifically prohibits the use of federal funds for an expenses in relation to the construction of the commemorative work. During floor debate on the bill, a Republican commended Rep. Farr for his strategy to employ private funds. The bill awaits action in the Senate.

A video of Rep. Farr speaking on the House floor is available here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzfchXuao-8>

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